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RIVALS—JANUARY

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will, should be issued by New South Wales will be placed.

The London Stock Exchange payments to the Bankers' Clearing House for the year ended 31st of £250,000,000. The total business of the Clearing House for the year shows a decline of £233,000,000.

A SERIES of 50,000 colliers in South Wales have been actually on strike, and the strikers have agreed to resume work.

The new Spanish tariff is of a strong protectionist character. The favoured national classes have been abolished, and the tariff applied in return for concessions by foreign countries.

A WELL-KNOWN resident of the Nyngan district, named Thomas Frost, has been killed by a contractor's engine on the Cobarr line. It is stated that he went to sleep in the engine, and that the wheels of the engine passed over his head.

THE R.M.S. Maestri sailed from Albany from Colombo at 6 p.m. yesterday.

It is most of the capitalists on the Continent infirm of mind, and half the people of Vienna are suffering from it.

LEOPOLD II., the King of the Belgians, is suffering from an attack of influenza. The doctors of Brussels are busy at an attack of the epidemic.

THE Dublin police have not been able to obtain any clue to the perpetrators of the outrage in Dublin Castle on the afternoon of December 21, when a quantity of gun cotton was exploded in the Council Chamber.

CAPTAIN G. H. LEE, commanding officer of the Submarine Miners, returned from England by the Oruba on Saturday, and was heartily welcomed by the non-unionists of the Council Chamber.

THE Rev. St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday afternoon a special service will be held in memory of the Rev. A. A. Mackellar, late senior missionary at New Guinea. The memorial sermon was preached by

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Mr. COGHLAN gives an interesting table, showing the average price per ton of coal

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